(c) The department has decided to move towards centralized mass processing of returns. For this purpose the project of consolidation of Regional databases into single national database has been completed in December, 2008. A pilot project for mass processing of salary returns has been completed at Mumbai. Based on these a Centralized Processing Centre is being set up at Bangalore. This will be completed in current financial year and will speed up processing of returns.

Pilots of private airlines caught drunk

*254. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several pilots of private airlines have been caught drunk during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details of such pilots grounded, airline-wise, so far;

(c) whether some pilots recently took off without the pre-flight checks at the airports; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the action taken against these pilots and airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) 8 pilots of Kingfisher Airlines, 6 each of Indigo and Spice Jet and 3 each of Jetlite, Paramount and Jet Airways were detected alco-positive during pre-flight medical examination. Any pilot found to be alco-positive is immediately grounded for a period of upto six weeks.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Amendment in NREGS

*255. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to increase wages under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) to Rs. 100 a day;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the study on evaluating the performance of NREGS recommended that the wage offered to workers be cut by 1/5th for more penetration of scheme;

(d) whether the study has recommended for increasing the man-days from existing 100 days to 120 days;

(e) if so, how Government is planning to reconcile two opposing views on wages;

(f) whether there is any proposal before Government to transfer cash directly to the beneficiaries; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI C.P. JOSHI): (a) and (b) The issue is under consideration.

(c) to (e) No such study has been commissioned by the Ministry.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. There is no proposal before the Government to transfer cash directly to be beneficiaries because under NREGA, workers have to volunteer to do unskilled manual work to earn their wage by labouring on works undertaken. Based on the work output and subject to the wage rate, wages are to be paid through worker's accounts in the banks or post offices.

Model colleges in Andhra Pradesh

*256. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned 11 model colleges in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted therefor; and

(d) the allocation of funds to each college, especially in the East and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (d) There is a proposal to launch a new scheme with Central-State funding for establishment of one model degree college in each of the 374 identified educationally backward districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) lower than the national GER. These include 11 districts located in Andhra Pradesh. East Godavari and West Godavari districts are included in the list. Subject to approval of the Scheme, one-third of the estimated capital cost of each college, limited to Rs. 2.67 crores, shall be provided by the Central Government.

Losses suffered by NACIL

*257. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what losses National Aviation Company India Limited (NACIL) and its predecessors have suffered in the last three years;

(b) what have been the major reasons for these losses; and

(c) how many CEOs NACIL had in this period and what were their qualifications for the job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Erstwhile Air India and Indian Airlines had suffered a loss of Rs.